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Sir:

Pursuant to a duty to disclose information that might be material to patentability the following information is provided to assist the Office in its examination efforts:

1. No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated

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2. The applicant has recently become aware of a competing product line on the market that may be materially relevant. The competing product line appears to be manufactured by "Delsey USA" 6735 Business Parkway, Suite A, Elkridge, MD. 21075. The product line includes the designation "ARMS" which is believed to be an acronym for "Automatic Response Memory System". It utilizes an elastomer but appears different in that the ARMS product line appears to be adapted for use only with rigid types of luggage that permit attachment of the elastomer along an interior rigid side of the luggage. It is not known to what extent any patent applications may or may not have been applied for by Delsey USA or by their parent company, Delsey which is based in France.

Respectfully submitted,

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